UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
RICHARD C. SPRINGS,
Defendant.

NO. 2:14-CR-00071-JLQ

ORDER OF DISMISSAL AND CLOSING FILE

BEFORE THE COURT is the Government's Motion for Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (ECF No. 169). The Motion states the Government has been informed by the United States Bureau of Prisons that Mr. Springs has died. The Government moves for dismissal pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 48(a) which provides the Government "may, with leave of court, dismiss an indictment, information, or complaint."

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Motion for Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (ECF No. 169) is **GRANTED**. The Indictment shall be dismissed with prejudice. The court makes no judgment as to the merit or wisdom of this dismissal.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk is hereby directed to enter this Order, enter judgment of dismissal of the Indictment with prejudice, furnish copies to counsel, and close this file.

DATED this 27th day of September, 2017.

s/ Justin L. Quackenbush
JUSTIN L. QUACKENBUSH
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE